

PERSONAL USE FISHERIES

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-16-07

Issued at Ketchikan, Tuesday, July
24, 2007

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Wednesday,
July 25, 2007

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Wednesday,
August 8, 2007, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order opens the Herring Cove terminal harvest area to personal use drift gillnetting. Personal use permits will be issued for this fishery from the ADF&G office in Ketchikan. Only drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less in length will be allowed. The bag and possession limit will be 50 king salmon per day of any size and for other salmon incidentally taken the bag limits are 6 coho, 12 sockeye, 150 pink and 25 chum salmon. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective from 12:01 A.M. Wednesday, July 25 through 11:59 P.M. Wednesday, August 8, 2007.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 77.685 (f)(1-3) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 77.685. Personal Use Hatchery Salmon Management Plan.

(f) Personal use drift gillnet fishing is allowed in the Herring Cove terminal harvest area by permit only issued from the ADF&G office in Ketchikan.

- (1) the salt waters of Herring Cove west of a line from the southern entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor to an un-named creek 1/8-mile north of Whitman Creek;
- (2) the gear is drift gillnets 10 fathoms or less in length;
- (3) the bag and possession limit is 50 king salmon per day, no size limit and for other salmon incidentally taken the bag and possession limits are 6 coho, 12 sockeye, 150 pink, and 25 chum salmon.

Denby S. Lloyd
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Piazza
Assistant Area
Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Personal Use Hatchery Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 77.685) allows the department to open personal use fisheries on surplus hatchery salmon in terminal locations when those salmon have not been taken in other fisheries. The 2007 Whitman Lake Hatchery king salmon run is projected to exceed brood stock needs and therefore a personal use fishery is warranted. The area opened by this emergency order will allow Alaska residents to target surplus hatchery king salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 11024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 205, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.